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PUT A STOP TO GAMBLING

A Day at the Angels Camp Race Track.

STORE-ROOM OF LEGER HOTEL BURGLARIZED

Scarlet Fever in Tuolumne County—Knife Used in a Saloon Row at Latrobe.

CALAVERAS COUNTY.

Prospect, San Andreas, May 26, 1900.

Last Saturday Mr. Untermyer and Miss Helwig, the Sheep Ranch school teacher, had a pretty close call from the grim reaper. They had been out after ferns to decorate the hall for the ball and were returning in a road cart, when the horse, becoming frightened, overturned the cart, throwing both occupants out. Within a few feet of where they landed was a deep shaft and in their fall they were hurled past this opening, to have fallen into which would have been instant death. The horse continued to run, completely wrecking the rig. Fortunately neither of the parties were injured, though only the space of a few feet was between them and eternity for a moment.

An attempt is being made to stop the gambling games in town. Much complaint has recently been made to the officers that the games were running full blast and calling them to enforce the law. During the week District Attorney McSorley was in town, and in company with Constable Potts proceeded to visit some of the suspected players. In one saloon they found a game going and arrested five players. They were taken before Judge Cooley and the trial set for next week. They demanded jury trials and there is likely to be quite a fight over the matter.

John Huberty is fixing up things in great shape at his home ranch. He has a first-class artist up from Stockton who is putting on the finishing touches after the most approved modern methods. New paint and paper are making the old house look like new. Vall, well John is young as young ever was, and always did have a dashing way with the women. You would say a vile and see rich vider it was, ain't it?

Last Friday George Brodie while working in a tunnel near the Utica mine had the misfortune to dislocate his shoulder. In walking across a narrow board he slipped and putting up his hand to grasp a support to keep from falling, the weight of his body proved too much for the muscles and the shoulder was thrown out of place.

Citizen, San Andreas, May 26, 1900.

C. M. Burleson is getting along very nicely at present, the attending physician having discontinued giving medicine and is allowing nature to mend his shattered constitution in her slow way. All that is now necessary to insure his complete recovery is careful nursing and a proper diet.

Some very interesting and most exciting races took place at Angels last Sunday. About the most important of all was that between Bert Morgan's Davey Crockett and Bruner's Pinto a quarter of a mile dash for \$100 a side. The race was won by Bruner's horse. A large amount of side betting was done, and it is said that Bert alone lost \$500 on the race. There was a big crowd in attendance, and much money changed hands on all the races.

The case of the people against Mrs. J. W. Williams was tried at Angels last Tuesday by a jury before Judge Cooley, and a verdict returned finding the lady guilty. District Attorney McSorley and Attorney Barry prosecuted and Attorney Hawley defended the case. The lady was fined \$30; if not paid to serve 30 days. The lady is talking of an appeal. The trouble grew out of soliciting business for the opposition stage line to Milton. It appears that the Central Park is the office of the Raggio stages and Mr. McGowan, the driver of the Lang stage, was doing a little soliciting at the hotel for his stage. Mr. Nixon, the hotel clerk, ordered him away, his stage being in front of the house, but McGowan refused to go. Nixon went out to back up his order with a little muscle power, but McGowan was too many for him and laid him out several times, when the lady flew to the rescue armed with a broom handle, with which she commenced to play a wild tattoo on the nut of McGowan. Friends finally separated the parties and sorted them out and put them in their respective places, and the battery charge was the result. Nixon will be tried on a similar charge next Tuesday.

Chronicle, Mokelumne Hill, May 26, 1900.

J. M. Cox of the Mokelumne Water Company went up to the head of the company's ditch near Glencoe last Thursday, with a crew of men and the necessary supplies, to commence the erection of a private telephone line to connect with the one at the head of the ditch and extend to the company's new reservoir near Railroad Flat. It is believed that it will take ten days to complete the line.

The store-room of the Leger Hotel was burglarized sometime during last Sunday night and a quantity of provisions taken. This store-room, which is down stairs, was entered through the glass-paneled door which opens on the back yard. There was a broken glass in the door and it was an easy matter for the marauders to reach in and shift the bolt. The exact amount of provisions taken cannot be

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Republican, Placerville, May 24, 1900.

James Walker, an old man past eighty, who has long resided at Lake Tahoe, has become insane and the Sheriff had to bring him to Placerville last Friday for treatment. He imagines he has been chased by ghosts and devils.

There was some trouble at Latrobe Saturday afternoon or evening and John Varozza received a slight injury from a knife used by Hi Barton. It seems that Hi was "in from the rural districts" enjoying urban life in Latrobe and went into a saloon there. Varozza came up to the bar and it is said Hi made some remark, jocular or otherwise, to the effect that Varozza should get away and not come around white men. They had a few words and it is reported that Hi went outside, opened his pocket knife and placed it open in his pocket. He then returned to the saloon and the quarrel was renewed when Varozza slapped him in the face, whereupon Barton cut him in the arm with the knife. Neither the quarrel nor the results appear to be very serious, but they might have been. The Supervisors ought to adopt the policy of cancelling saloon licenses in all cases where such rows and fights are permitted to occur. Make the saloon keeper a police officer by taking his license away when he fails to keep things quiet and the county will thus avoid many a criminal trial.

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SEARCH FOR GOLD STILL ON

Excellent Mining In Amador County.

MILL AT THE FORD MINE READY FOR ACTION

J. P. Hopper Will Form A Stock Company—Mining In El Dorado County.

Rhetta—Plymouth.

A vertical shaft is to be sunk at the Rhetta mine.

Bay State—Plymouth.

It is reported that the mill at the Bay State mine is about to make a short run on good ore.

Amador Queen No. 2—Jackson.

Supt. Phillips reports the shaft finished to the 1200 and stations cut at the 800 and 1200. Crosscutting at both levels will begin next week.

Amador Queen No. 1—Jackson.

Supt. James E. Dye resumed work Tuesday and is preparing to run 20 stamps.

Bunker Hill—Amador.

A pumping station is to be put in at the 100 level. It is now believed that the old shaft will have to be entirely retimbered. When the proper amount of development work has been done, the Bunker Hill will doubtless pay fair dividends.

Centennial—Drytown.

Sinking has ceased temporarily and drifting is in full blast at the Centennial. The work is being done on the 600 level.

Fremont—Amador.

At the Fremont mine a body of good ore has been encountered. The old shaft is being retimbered, and a new shaft is being sunk. The outlook is cheering to those interested.

Philadelphia—Plymouth.

Quite a force is at work in the Philadelphia mine, and from the appearance of things generally, the owners of this property believe that they have something worth getting and they are going after it with due vim and diligence.

Onida—Jackson.

The new 60-stamp mill at the Onida mine is being built as fast as possible. The old shaft has been unwatered and repaired down to the 1400 level. Good ore has been exposed during the drifting at the 1500 level in the new shaft. Supt. Truscott is well pleased with the outlook and with the progress being made.

High Point—Plymouth.

Those interested in the High Point mine to the northward of Plymouth, apparently have the courage of their convictions for the work of sinking is going forward in regular up-to-date mining style. Prospects are reported excellent.

Shenandoah—Plymouth.

S. K. Thornton, superintendent of the Shenandoah mine, seems to be on the right lay. It is reported that an ore body was recently encountered in this mine that has a tendency to stimulate all interested. Plymouth people are exceedingly hopeful and many of them unhesitatingly predict that the Shenandoah will ultimately surprise the most sanguine stockholder.

Toman Property—Sutter Creek.

A company has been formed to develop the Toman property just east of the Central Eureka mine. We understand that C. W. Randall of San Francisco, at one time a heavy stockholder in the Central Eureka, is at the head of this enterprise and expects to make a second Central Eureka out of the property.

Del Monte.

The Del Monte mine is located in Calaveras county, section 8, township 5, range 13, about nine miles north of the Sheep Ranch, and 22 miles from Jackson. The mine consists of seven claims, covering about 120 acres. Considerable development work has been done, the old shaft having been sunk to a depth of 220 feet in 1874, during which year a forest fire burned the hoist thus allowing the shaft to fill with water. A 900-foot tunnel runs in on the ledge to the shaft, and rock taken out of this tunnel is said to average 811 a ton. A ten stamp mill in good order is on the property, Union concentrators being used. The old shaft has been unwatered by the owners of the property, Messrs. O'Neill & Son, and a bond on the property has recently been taken by Messrs. Truman Schenck, late of Salt Lake City, and George I. Wright of Jackson, who purpose incorporating a company at once and thoroughly develop the property. Specimens of rock from all parts of the mine are on exhibition at Mr. Wright's office.

Central Eureka—Sutter Creek.

Supt. Thomas is pushing work on the new mill as rapidly as possible, the frame work being finished. Sinking is in progress and development work is in progress at the 1400 and 1600 levels.

Peerless—Jackson.

The shaft at the Peerless mine is down to a depth of 260 feet, and with depth the indications improve. Four feet of high grade quartz is now shown in the shaft and the width is gradually increasing. Supt. Henry Osborne now expresses himself as being morally certain that he has found what he was hunting for, namely, a valuable gold mine between Jackson and the Mokelumne river. In fact, unless the best of signs fail, the Peerless property is destined to become of great value.

CALAVERAS COUNTY.

Prospect: Walker, Hayden & Folson are to commence work on the Mt. Ranch mine near El Dorado this week. Louis Emery of the Rose Hill mine, near El Dorado, has suspended opera-

tions for the season and will go back to Pennsylvania in a short time. There is a pretty well grounded report that Mr. Emery may represent his Pennsylvania district in Congress the coming term. He has just completed the remodeling of the old Doghi building in El Dorado, by giving the front a coat of paint. It is now a handsome and well appointed hotel.

Citizen: A force of men are working at the Kentucky on the arranging of the new pump and pipes and work will be steadily pushed along from this time on.

The work at the Commodore at present consists of straightening the shaft and repairing the same preparatory to sinking deeper, and further crosscutting.

The mill at the Ford mine will start to run on rock from the 100 and 300-foot levels of the mine next week. Mr. Condit of the Standard Electric Company has been rearranging some of the electrical appliances there this week, and all is about in readiness now for the mill to start up.

Some very rich rock has been recently found at the Ritter mine, at El Dorado, ore picked up from the dump being literally filled with gold. Sam Redmond and Mike Rigney are still pushing the tunnel in, and the prospect in the tunnel is most flattering. The boys are both deservingly of their coming good fortune.

The McGurk mine, near town, now has a force of about eight men working, and the manager, Chris Masterson was in town a few days ago hunting for a few more men. This property was recently bonded by Philip Deidesheimer for two years for \$40,000, and the shaft is now down forty feet and sinking is going on as fast as possible. They have a vein of between four and five feet which is widening, and the rock is similar to that of the Commodore and the prospects are that it will be a good paying proposition.

Chronicle: The latest reports from the French Hill tunnel as we go to press are to the effect that the vein has proved to be much wider than it was at first believed to be and shows at present about nine feet of fine looking ore which carries a very high percentage of sulphurets. The prospect in free gold is very satisfactory and a quantity of the sulphurets has been sent to the assayer, the returns of which have not yet been received. As a whole, the results so far are anything but discouraging, and we expect in our next issue to have still better news to chronicle.

At the Sampson mine in Glencoe district, owned and operated by S. H. Krim, a tunnel is being run to tap the vein. This tunnel has reached a depth of sixty feet and it is expected that the ledge will be encountered within a further depth of about twelve feet, at which point a backing or stopping will be secured. With a tunnel 300 feet in length on the same grade 800 feet of stopping could be had. The lead is about 36 inches wide and the croppings show an excellent prospect, but it remains to be seen what will be the character of the rock at the depth at which the tunnel will tap the vein. This mine is situated on the lode between the Poorman mine on the north and the Jones mine on the south. In the former rock has been found that will run away up in the hundreds, but the average is about \$50 to the ton, while in the latter the ore has yielded on an average of \$37.50 to the ton. In view of this fact it is but reasonable to presume that pretty good rock ought to exist in the Sampson at a reasonable depth.

TUOLUMNE COUNTY

Independent: Extensive improvements are about to be made at the Clio mine near Jacksonville. A ten-stamp mill and hoist with the necessary blacksmith shop, office and other accessories are the undertakings as mapped out.

We have been informed that W. F. Drake of Sonora, has obtained a bond in the interest of an eastern company, on the Carlin ranch and the McCool property near Jamestown. This property contains a very valuable shoot which has been cut in the Harvard shaft. The slates on the Carlin ranch are the same character as the Jumper.

County Surveyor J. G. Hopper expects to leave Monday morning for London and Paris. He goes for the purpose of forming a stock company to operate the Souleby mine near Soulebyville. This mine has a record of an output of over five million dollars, and it is conceded by all that the property is capable of keeping up its record in the hands of energetic capitalists. Mr. Hopper was granted a five months' leave of absence by the Board of Supervisors. His many friends here wish him success in his undertaking.

Magnet: A five foot vein of ribbon quartz has been encountered in the crosscut being run at a depth of 400 feet in the Norwegian mine, Tuttle-town.

George W. Mapes and John Anderson have bonded their several quartz claims situated on Woods creek, above Yankee Hill, to eastern capitalists. These claims have shown up exceedingly well for the amount of work done on them and with plenty of capital will no doubt be paying properties. Four men have started operations and the force will be increased to ten men within a few weeks.

EL DORADO COUNTY.

Republican: Work is being vigorously prosecuted on the Ribbon Rock mine again under the management of Mr. Davis. Since Hayward & Lane took their second bond on the property they have enlarged the shaft, making it a double compartment to a depth of about 200 feet and they have now commenced sinking.

To Native Daughters.

To those members of Ursula Parlor No. 1, N. D. G. W., who may find it convenient, the undersigned committee request their presence at Webb Hall, Wednesday afternoon, June 6th, at 2 o'clock, to assist in decorating the same. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A PICNIC AT AMADOR CITY

A Decidedly One-Sided Ball Game.

A TRIP FROM OROVILLE TO VISALIA BY RAIL

The Great Resources of This Section.—Oil and Belgian Hares at Fresno.

AMADOR CITY, May 29, 1900.

Miss Mabel Bowden and Miss Emma Little spent Sunday with friends at Amador.

Mrs. Clute and daughter, Ella, of Volcano, spent Saturday with Amador friends.

Mr. Smith of Oakland is the guest of his brother, Charles, of this place. E. S. Barney of Drytown passed through Amador Monday.

Mrs. Tregloan, who has been visiting her son, John R., returned to her home in Alameda Tuesday.

Mr. Williams and family of Kennedy visited at the home of Mrs. Hambley Sunday.

Miss Edith Berryman came up from Sacramento for a short visit this week. Mrs. A. Armstrong of Sacramento visited at the home of Mrs. J. M. Hinkson last week.

Miss Jessie Mitchell returned to Jackson Saturday.

Mrs. Esola and children of San Francisco are visiting relatives here. Mrs. Taylor and daughter, Bernice, visited Jackson Monday.

Dan Gross, one of Amador's old residents, is again here on a visit.

Jamie Chichizola spent a few days at the sawmill this week.

Miss Mabel Taylor of Oroville is visiting with relatives in Amador.

The annual picnic of the M. E. Sunday School held in Pratt's field last Saturday was a grand success. There was a considerable attendance of friends of the church and school, making a large gathering altogether. Baskets and boxes were brought out about noon and a happier, merrier crowd could not have been found. A baseball game between the Preston School boys and the Amador nine was the principal feature of the afternoon program, the score being twenty-two to nothing in favor of the Amador boys. The approach of evening brought the day's outing to a close in the same happy manner which had characterized its beginning.

Miss Bessie Lynch of Oakland is visiting with her brothers and sister of this place.

Miss Carsey Culbert spent Saturday and Sunday at her home.

Church services throughout the week as usual. Morning—"Rejoicing in the Lord." Evening—"Lessons from Christ."

Miss Alice Hambley is visiting at Willow Springs.

Miss Conn is the guest of Mrs. Thomas Mugford. "E. LOIS."

OROVILLE TO VISALIA.

This Section Is Interestingly Described For the "Ledger."

Fresno, Cal., May 25, 1900.

Editor LEDGER:

Having recently passed over the great central valley of California from Oroville in the northern citrus belt, with its oranges and olives, to Visalia in the raisin belt, with its raisins and jack rabbits, it might be fitting to make some passing remarks.

Oroville, which is built on the dumping grounds of the early placer diggers, is nevertheless a well laid out little city, with up-to-date business houses and pretty homes. Every doorway has its oranges or olives, the former lying around like the apples do in Amador. When the tom cats surnamed the Oroville, he reaches out the window, plucks an orange, and stops the row with a well directed shot.

The streets are well kept, and sprinkled, during the summer months.

Although Oroville is not so large a city as Sutter Creek, it has a good high school with two instructors, and supported by a tax rate of less than twenty cents on the one hundred dollars. In fact the rate this year is fifteen cents. As I visited the various departments of this school and saw thirty or forty young people getting the benefits of a high school education, my heart bled for the young people of my own county, who are locked in a castle whose door is guarded by a giant in the shape of a few so-called leading men who can and will control the voters on any question that does not put money into their own pockets. I hope the voters of Amador county will wake up in time to give their children just as good an education as can be had anywhere in this golden State.

From Oroville to Marysville the country is chiefly devoted to the olive, which grows here as in its proper soil. Palermo and Honcut are growing villages, each remarkable for its beautiful brick school buildings and general air of up-to-date progressiveness.

Yuba City with its cherries and vast peach orchards is a veritable paradise. Leaving the fruit belt as we approach Woodland, we enter a section so well known that detailed mention is not necessary. I refer to the great wheat region of the San Joaquin Valley. But as we begin to draw near Fresno a change of scene (as well as of temperature) takes place, and the golden brown of the wheat fields gives place to the bright green of the celebrated Fresno vineyards. For miles and miles as you ride along your eye is rested, after the glare of the wheat fields, by the delicious green tint of the grapevine. The rows are laid out in one main direction, about eight feet apart, the cross rows being more or less irregular. On the trip I took to Polksey recently, I rode ten miles and over with vineyards on both sides of the track as far as the eye could reach.

Visalia, which lies about fifty miles south of Fresno, is a model town. One

is impressed at once with its general air of prosperity and the cleanliness of its streets. Although not much larger than some of our Amador county towns the city is now talking of voting bonds to build a high school building at a cost of \$21,800. This shows the spirit of the people.

It would be hard to say whether oil wells or Belgian hares are attracting most attention in this part of the state. Indeed both are being pretty well discussed.

With these few "passing remarks" I shall leave you with the final remark that the more I see of the educational progress in the various towns I visit, the more I feel that we of Amador county should rise and shake ourselves, lest, like old Atlas, we might find oaks growing between our toes. ULYSSES.

Do Your Best.

One week next Monday the delegates to the Grand Parlor N. D. G. W. which is to meet here from the 11th to the 15th inclusive, will begin to arrive. We presume that all will be in readiness for their fitting welcome and entertainment in this thriving camp.

Our people should be a unite on this question and see to it that our distinguished visitors have every comfort and pleasure during their stay possible. It will no doubt be a long time before Jackson is again honored in such a manner. Let nothing, therefore, be left undone that will in any degree add to the comfort and pleasure of the Native Daughters. Let every citizen constitute himself or herself a committee of one to do something during the eventful week that will bring pleasure and profit to some visitor. Throw formality to the dogs, and be a real good fellow for one week at least. Be jolly, companionable, genial, cordial and wholesome.

Played Ball at Ione.

Last Sunday the Young Jackson Baseball nine played a very interesting game with the Junior nine on the latter's diamond at Ione. The game was one of the most interesting and warmly contested one played this season, and both nines showed excellent judgment throughout the game.

At the close of the ninth inning the score was 5-5 and in order to break the tie a tenth inning was played, the Ione nine succeeding in scoring two runs.

Following is the line-up:

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| JACKSON | POSITION | IONE |
| Delahide | Catcher | French |
| Driscoll | Pitcher | Scott |
| McCoy | First base | Bennetts |
| Armstrong | Second base | Fullett |
| Podesta | Third base | H. Harris |
| Fountainrose | Short stop | Mack |
| Cassell | Right field | Miller |
| Newman | Left field | Hendford |
| Gardella | Center field | W. Parks |

Score, 5-7 the Ione boys winning out.

Dan Driscoll, the Jackson pitcher, gave out in three innings, John Fountainrose pitching the remaining seven.

Over The Grade.

John Steiner, owner of the Plymouth stage line, had quite an exciting experience on Tuesday of this week. He and another gentleman drove to Paloma, and on their return, near Emerson's place, while passing a freight train, one of his horses nearest the grade got down or laid down and the only way to prevent the other horse and buggy from going over the grade was to strip the harness off and let the horse go over, which was done in short order, the horse going down backwards for a distance of nearly a hundred feet. The animal slid down in such a manner that barring a few scratches no injury was sustained. Considerable difficulty was experienced, however, in getting him on the grade again.

A False Alarm.

Another false alarm was turned in from the box opposite Chapman's saloon on Water street, about 1 o'clock last Sunday morning. Some one, evidently a little the worse for "booze," had broken the glass and pressed the button. Only a few of the fire department responded, and even those who did, didn't take the hose-cart out of the shed.

After waiting and watching a few minutes and not seeing any fire from Court House hill, it was decided there was no fire and shortly after all was quiet again.

This shows us the moral of the "shepherd boy and the wolves," very forcibly, and may sometime cause a costly conflagration, all through a lack of confidence in the fire alarm.

Butte City Fire.

Last Tuesday while Mrs. Tony Mello, wife of the proprietor, was in the cellar of Mello's roadhouse, Butte City, the lamp she carried exploded setting fire to the building which was destroyed together with the road shed covering the street in front of the resort and most of the contents of the house. Mello's loss we understand is considerable, partially covered by insurance. The building, shed and other outbuildings destroyed were owned by E. Ginochio & Bro. and were uninsured. Their loss will amount to between \$600 and \$700.

Charged With Embezzlement.

Lyford Sinclair, agent for the Pacific Surety Company of San Francisco, swore out a warrant for the arrest of James Robinson, upon a charge of embezzlement, on Friday evening. He pleaded guilty of the charge of having embezzled \$3 and was sent to jail for one hundred days by Justice Giles.

Later the more serious charge of felony embezzlement was placed against his name. He is the local agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Company and his shortage is said to be between \$500 and \$700.—Sutter Creek Democrat.

Had a Good Time.

Last Saturday evening a grand ball was given at Toop's ranch and the large number that attended enjoyed themselves to their heart's content, as they always do at the Toop ranch. Excellent music was provided for the occasion and was highly appreciated by the participants. The ball was a complete success.

D. Odgers, Sutter Creek, can give you better figures and quality on a suit of clothes than anyone else. 5-18-Imo

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST

An Accident at the Gwin Mine.

LESS SICKNESS REPORTED BY THE PHYSICIANS

Mrs. M. Newman Cuts Her Finger and an Operation Is Necessary.

Ione flour is Peerless.

W. F. Deter went to San Francisco Tuesday.

A new band is to be organized in Plymouth.

Decorate your residence for the Grand Parlor.

If you want good bread, buy only Peerless flour. 3-16-If

A. F. Peterson returned from San Jose last evening.

Attend the Italian picnic Sunday and have a good time.

Mrs. Weller employs the only city milliner in town. 5-4-If

C. M. Smith went to Lockford last week to visit his people.

Dr. Tiffany of Plymouth has been quite ill for several days.

E. G. Freeman is very low, but exhibits remarkable nerve.

Mrs. Weller's for style and beauty in hats and dresses. 5-4-If

The Plymouth Consolidated will be sold at sheriff sale June 5.

PIONEER FLOUR always has been and still is the best. 4-6-If

John Cademartori has been in San Francisco for the week past.

First-class Stamp Photos at McMillan's, 28 for 25 cents. 5-18-2t

There is an unusually small crop of fruit this year, owing to the late frosts.

A rousing republican meeting will be held in Sutter Creek June 20th.

If you want swell hats, go to the city trimmer at Mrs. Weller's. 5-4-If

J. P. Little of Plymouth, came over Monday and returned the following day.

Give us daily some good bread. Pioneer Flour makes the best. 4-6-If

Miss Bertie Mason returned from an extended visit in Sacramento last Friday evening.

Pioneer Flour is the "Lily of the Valley," the "Pearl of Perfection."

J. F. Parks, superintendent of the Kennedy mine is in San Francisco this week.

Jackson Cash Grocers carry the freshest crackers and fancy cakes. 4-6-Im

The Board of Supervisors will meet in regular session next Monday, June 4th.

Chester Scott of Ione visited relatives in Jackson last Saturday and Sunday.

George Bonnefoy Jr. and Henry Laswell left for San Francisco Wednesday morning.

The cheapest place to buy your groceries is of the Jackson Cash Grocers. 4-6-Imo

The programme of Grand Parlor, N. D. G. W., will be published next week in the LEDGER.

The Italian Benevolent Society will hold its annual picnic in Fullen's Grove next Sunday.

Ione Flour Mill is a home industry and makes the best flour. Why not patronize it? 3-16-If

Richard Webb will make a business trip to San Francisco, via Sacramento, the first of next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bishop of Stockton are here. Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. E. G. Freeman are sisters.

For Oregon pine, mountain pine and redwood lumber, dressed or rough, address D. McCall Ione. 5-11-If

Mrs. James Taylor of Amador City, visited her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Williams, last Monday.

C. Borger, the mining man of Campo Seco, visited his mining interests, chiefly in the Zella mine, this week.

Two tonsorial artists to wait upon you at the Globe Shaving Parlor, a few doors north of Globe Hotel. 4-20-If

William M. Perry Jr. is home for the vacation period. He will complete the course in one more year.

St. Augustine Guild will meet with Mrs. E. V. Longo at 2 o'clock p. m. Wednesday afternoon, June 6th.

Fifty pieces of light figured calico, spring styles, new patterns, at 5 cents per yard, at the White House. 2-16-If

James Parks has come home from school for his summer vacation. He was accompanied by Harry Biggs.

Walter Taylor, son of B. F. Taylor, arrived from Menlo Park, where he is attending school, last evening.

D. McCall, of Ione, handles all kinds of lumber. "He will figure" with you on your lumber bills. Amador Mills. 5-4-If

Assessor Jack Marchant is assessing property in this district at present and is registered at the New National.

Chief clerk Kenyon of the New National Hotel, spent Monday and Tuesday of this week in Stockton, his home.

A dash of heat from Dame Nature's bake oven arrived this week. It caused an unceremonious shedding of woolen.

At the White House new arrivals of goods and special sale. Ten dozen ladies' ventilated corsets, at 25 cents each. 4-6-If

Landlord Voorheis has fitted up several rooms in the Well & Renno building as an annex to the New National.

Judge A. C. Brown is having a concrete walk made in front of the Delta saloon on Main street. This is a much needed improvement.

S. K. Mau of Oakland is registered at the New National. Mr. Mau has been engaged in a mining enterprise at Plymouth recently. He has had considerable experience in the mining sections of Idaho and Montana. He is very pleasant and companionable.

The Republican National Convention will meet in Philadelphia on Tuesday, June 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Shields and daughter, Miss Blanche, of Plymouth, are below on a visit.

Editor Calkins of the Amador Record visited San Francisco last week returning Tuesday.

Ladies' wrappers, of all the latest patterns, and a great variety to select from—from 75c up—at the White House. 4-6-If

Next Sunday Garbarini Bros., will put new stringers on the Broadway bridge, the old ones being about used up.

ESCAPED FROM JAIL.

THE CLEVER SCHEME THAT WAS WORKED BY ONE CROOK.

He Wanted a Certain Book, and He Got It, Thanks to a Benevolent Lady, and Its Title Proved to Be Peculiarly Appropriate.

"The recent escape from the parish prison," said a secondhand bookseller on the old side who has almost as many reminiscences as he has volumes, "reminds me of a very curious case of jail delivery in which I was an accessory before the fact. I was never arrested for it, but don't object to telling you the story."

"One day in the summer of 1895 a good looking, well dressed man strolled into the shop and said he wanted to get something that would interest his old mother, whom he described as very religious and fond of antique books."

"We picked out a dozen or so together, Fox's 'Book of Martyrs,' 'Pilgrim's Progress,' Mother's 'Sermons of Occasion,' Pusey's 'Daniel the Prophet' and among others a quaint, massively bound volume called 'The Friend in Affliction.' They were all interesting old copies, but my caller told me he would like to submit them to his mother before closing the purchase and offered to leave a \$50 bill as security."

"That was agreeable to me, and he carried away the lot. Next day he returned and brought back three or four of the books, among them 'The Friend in Affliction,' which he remarked laughingly had given his mother the blues. The others he paid for, and I have never seen him again from that day to this."

"Almost a week after his visit, however, a thin, prim, precise, elderly lady, a typical spinster from head to toe, came in one afternoon and began looking over the shelves. Presently she ran across the same old 'Friend in Affliction' that had faced so badly in the other trade, and, much to my gratification, she purchased it on the spot. It was exactly the thing, she said, to give consolation to an unfortunate person or her acquaintance who was then in great trouble. I was glad to get rid of the book and let her have it for a couple of dollars."

"Fully a month afterward I was amazed to receive a visit from a big, burly man, who introduced himself as a detective, produced 'The Friend in Affliction' from a valise and asked me what I knew about it."

"The book had suffered since I saw it last. One of its thick covers was ripped open, and sticking inside was a small steel file. The story the detective told me was certainly extraordinary."

"It seems that a noted northern crook had been in jail in a small town up the country on a charge of being a burglar and being a very smooth rascal had enlisted the sympathy of a philanthropic old lady of the place who had a bad for prison reform. He persuaded her that he had thoroughly repented, and she used to visit him regularly and bring him tracts and delicacies."

"Among other things he told her that while broke in New Orleans he had sold all of his belongings, including a keepsake from his mother—a volume called 'The Friend in Affliction.' He gave her my address at the place where he had left the precious relic and worked on her feelings to such an extent that she promised to secure the book for him the first time she visited the city."

"How she discovered and purchased it you already know. On her return she carried it straight to the jail, and while ordinarily all gifts for prisoners were closely examined, this lady's high character made such precaution unnecessary and she passed in the volume without question."

"A few days later the turnkey found a barred window neatly sawed and the bird flown. He also found 'The Friend in Affliction' lying on the floor, and in one of the massive covers were several saws and the file I have mentioned. Of course the philanthropic old lady was immediately questioned, and her hysterical replies led to the visit of the detective, but nothing ever came of the quest. The fugitive is supposed to have left on an outbound steamer—at any rate he was never caught."

"What about my first customer, did you ask? Oh, he was undoubtedly the pal who planted the saws."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

"OF" FOR "ON."

I always say "I bought it off Jones," and up to now I thought so constantly hearing people, my late father included (he always used to pronounce coffee as corfee), talk in this way, thought it was right. Still this would be odd in conversation. Writing to any one, saying I had bought anything, I should put "of Jones" or "from Jones." I suppose "from Jones" would be perfectly correct.

I have heard this form of speech in many different parts of the country but most frequently, I think, in and near Liverpool.

The use of "off" for "of" and "off of" is common in the north of England.—Notes and Queries.

EAGLES AND THEIR PREY.

A Giant Bird Whose Race Has Happily Become Extinct.

There is at the present moment at the Natural History museum a model of the skull of an eagle and gigantic that the imagination can scarcely fit it into the life of this planet at all.

The whole head is larger than that of an ox, and the beak resembles a pair of hydraulic shears. Unlike most of the giant birds, this eagle, which inhabited Patagonia, appears from its remains to have differed little from the existing species. Its size alone distinguishes it. The quills of the feathers which bore this awful weapon through the air must have been as thick as a walking stick and the webs as wide as car blades. It would have killed and torn to pieces creatures as large as a bison and whirled up into the sky and dropped into the rocks the gigantic carapaced animals of prehistoric Patagonia as easily as a modern eagle of California does the land tortoise on which it feeds.

Even today there are few carnivorous animals, whether birds or beasts, which have so wide a range of prey as the eagles. Like the king of dragons of old story, they can ravage earth, air and sea and feed promiscuously on the denizens of all three elements. From serpents on the burning desert to seals on the everlasting ice, from monkeys in the tropical forests to marmots on the Alpine slopes, from dead sheep on highland hills to pen-cakes in the Indian jungles, no form of fish, flesh or fowl comes amiss to them, and the young eagle, driven by the inexorable law of his race from the home where he was reared, finds a free breakfast table wherever he flies.—Cornhill Magazine.

RECOMPENSE.

What is the price of manhood? What sale does honor bring? Does pure, unblemished character Count naught in lifetime's ring? Do haughty scions pile up? Does riot, ruin reign, The purest soul to trample down, To crush, destroy, rend twain? Is there no truth or honor? To cause mankind to stray The all consuming thirst for just That lures them far away? Does honest labor cheapen? The mold wherein we're cast? Is black, corrupt impunity The flag flung from life's mast? Forget not One is watching Our actions day by day, And riches gained at such a cost He surely will repay; For though mankind is judging Appearances, poor art, The God, the just, the righteous Judge, Whose verdict none can sway, Condemn not, then, I pray thee, For thou, thyself, some day May seek for mercy from thy Judge, Whose verdict none can sway. And temper all thy judgments With love and common sense. The Lord will merit all 'till bring; It serves full recompense.—Edwin M. Abbott in Pittsburgh Dispatch.

WILES OF THE FOX.

Some Clever Tricks by Which Reynard Baffled His Pursuers.

A fox is entitled to all that is said for its wisdom and sagacity. Not long ago the Washington hunt of Valley Forge started a young fox in the North valley hills, and the hounds were running it across the open field when the hunters were surprised to see a much larger fox come from the woods and run diagonally across the track of the young fox ahead of the hounds, and when they struck the stronger track of the bigger fox they took it up, young Reynard thereby being saved from being run down and killed by the hounds.

Old hunters say they have frequently witnessed this trick when young foxes were being closely pressed and in danger of being run down and killed by the hounds. Another and an even sharper trick was played by an old fox some weeks ago while being botched by hounds. The fox had run some 20 miles, and while crossing an open stretch of country was in danger of being run down and killed. In a field through which the fox was running with the hounds close to its heels was the cellar of an old house, with a portion of the walls still standing. The fox made straight for the old cellar, leaped into it and made its escape through a narrow opening in the walls. The hounds, which were following the fox, dashed into the cellar pell-mell, only to find Reynard gone and themselves in a trap, as the hole in the wall through which the fox had escaped was too small to permit them to get through.

When the hunters rode up, they found the pack in a trap, with one of the hounds wedged fast in the hole through which the fox had made its escape. By the time the hounds were got out of the cellar the fox was safe in its hole.—Philadelphia Times.

The Bullet and the Mark. "General Lawton," said an officer who served with that fearless commander, "once said to me that the right bullet would always find its mark no matter how small the latter might be, and then he related an incident which occurred during the civil war. In one of the engagements of his command—I can't remember now whether or not he mentioned the place—a piece of shell hit the ground near where a soldier was standing and scared him so badly that he jumped straight up in the air like a rabbit. As he did so a minie ball knocked off the crown of his head."

"That was the one particular bullet intended to kill him," said General Lawton, "and he actually had to jump after it."

"He spoke in a light, offhand fashion, but there was an undertone of seriousness in his voice, and I inferred from the story that he was, like most veteran soldiers, a pronounced fatalist."—Collier's Weekly.

Cannibalistic. Oliver Wendell Holmes enjoyed that rare best which was of liver and onion. On one occasion he was holding forth at great length on the subject of cannibalism, and, having wound himself up to the proper pitch, he turned suddenly to Thomas Bailey Aldrich, who was sitting near him, and asked: "Imagine! What would you do if you were to meet a cannibal?"

"I think," Mr. Aldrich sweetly replied, "that I should stop to pick an acquaintance with him."

This rejoinder cast such a gloom over Dr. H. that during the rest of the dinner his conversation was limited to monosyllables.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Saluting the Deck. The poop or raised after deck of a ship over which floated the national flag was considered to be always pervaded by the presence of the sovereign. As the worshiper of whatever rank removes his hat upon entering the church so from the admiral to the powder monkey every member of the ship's company as he set foot upon the poop "saluted the deck," the invisible presence. But since in steamers there is often no lee side the custom in them has completely died out.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A Tough Joint. The boarder who was carving the roast beef at the request of the landlady laid down the knife and fork and took a short rest.

"The spirit is willing," he remarked, "but the flesh is strong."

Books. Books are sweet, unrequiting companions to the miserable, and if they cannot bring us to enjoy life they will at least teach us to endure it.—Vicar of Wakefield.

Easily Settled. They fell into conversation on the avenue street, as men will pass away the time, and when one of them happened to mention he was from Pittsburgh the other turned to him with: "Pittsburg, eh? Dear me, but how singular!"

"How do you mean, sir?" was asked.

"Why, I was in Pittsburgh 21 years ago and lost 10 cents in a street car. I was thinking of the incident just before you spoke to me. I suppose you couldn't inform me whether the money was ever found, could you?"

"Why, yes, I believe I can. I found a dime in a street car about 21 years ago and have been looking for the owner ever since. Here it is. It must be long to you."

"Thanks. You are an honest man. Here's 2 cents to reward you."

The Pittsburg man pocketed the reward and the other pocketed the dime, and then they closed the incident.—Washington Post.

THE JUDGE'S ADVICE.

Given to a Man Who Wavered Between Religion and Politics.

A well known western representative in congress, pleading an engagement, left a small group of talkers in an up town hotel lobby, and an elderly man, whom he had introduced to the party, made bold to tell a story about the departed.

"I have known him," he said, "ever since he was a boy, and when he came out of college he was undecided whether to become a lawyer and politician or go to a theological seminary and become a clergyman. He was fond of politics and thought that with a little law and more religion on the side he might become a great moral reformer. You know that's the way most all very young men feel when they undertake politics for the first time."

"However, before he had time to determine finally what he would do, his friends came after him to run for the legislature, as he had the availability and a pretty fair amount of cash. This brought him face to face with the question he had been disturbed over, and he went to Judge Blank, a veteran in politics and a mah of the highest character, for assistance in solving the problem. He stated his case in full to the judge, and the grand old man put his hand on the young man's shoulder.

"My boy," he said, "as you could say it, it can't be politics and religion. It must be one or the other. You can't fit yourself for heaven and for the legislature at the same time, and there's no use trying. That is all I can say, and you will have to make your own choice."—Washington Star.

A KAFFIR SMOKER.

The Native Women Are Enthusiastic Devotees of the Weed.

In South Africa the native women smoke incessantly. Your native servant smokes as she cooks and as she washes. The tobacco she likes is rank. The dainty cigarette an English or Russian lady of fashion enjoys, smoked through a quill so that no nicotine can stain either teeth or fingers, would be sneered at by a Kaffir. "Give me a pipe and something in it I can taste," is in effect what she says.

The men Kaffirs are beyond tobacco. They smoke something so vehement that it makes them cough and splutter. It loses their breath, choke and sneeze to an alarming degree. They like snuff, too, and are fond of offering and taking pinches of it ("schniff") they call it when they meet and visit one another.

Regarding tobacco as too mild for their taste, the Kaffirs take another weed and smoke that. They proceed to arrange a smoking party by squatting on the ground and getting ready their "pipe," a cow horn with a thin tube in it inserted half way down at right angles to the horn. The end of the tube is in a basin, and it is from it that the smoker sucks the strong stuff that makes him incapable of anything but a series of coughs and chokes for some time after he has had his turn at the pipe, which is passed round from man to man until a perfect chorus of coughs rends the air.

The tobacco the Boers smoke looks like poor tea and is peculiar in flavor. Yet Englishmen who have become used to it acquire such a taste for it that they never ask for any other kind.—London Mail.

Fasting. Personal experience is the best teacher. I have fasted 48 hours at a time without the slightest discomfort, but drank in that period many gallons of water, of the plainest, most Croton kind. I once had acquaintance of a pig that fasted 100 days. A dog can fast two months without being much the worse. Rabbits live three weeks without food, while cold blooded animals can go for years without eating.

The bear in a state of hibernation passes into a kind of trance, so we shall not count him. The alligator likewise "dies" in the long months of winter, craving no food. There is a fish called the father lasher that can live a month out of water. That is fasting. We have heard the tradition about the toad that was sealed in a rock for 5,000 years and hopped about in lively fashion when released from his adamantine prison. A horse has been known to fast for a month.—Exchange.

Is Alaska Growing Warmer?

Prospective visitors and gold seekers in the Klondike region may extract some comfort from the discovery, made by the Harriman Alaska expedition, that the glaciers which abound in that territory are receding. The fact is an indication that the average weather there is growing warmer. If it were growing colder the glaciers would be advancing, while if it were about the same one year with another they would maintain the same general position, neither creeping nearer to the sea nor melting away from their terminal moraines. The rate of glacial recession is so slow, however, that fur wearers and warm sleeping bags are likely to remain as a part of the necessary equipment of Alaskan travel for some years to come.—Leslie's Weekly.

Wonders of New Hampshire.

The average reader will be amazed to learn that little New Hampshire, with less than 10,000 square miles, has no less than 406 lakes and ponds, 154 rivers, 18 rivers and 294 mountains. This makes Iowa look small. Colorado, a big state, has 556 creeks. Texas has comparatively few rivers, lakes and creeks. Alabama has 603 creeks and 87 rivers. Iowa cannot approach that record. Minnesota has 222 lakes and 140 rivers.—New York Press.

Clever Suggestion.

"How shall I prove the sincerity of my devotion?" asked the young man who had been so long coming to the point that doubt had begun to accumulate against him.

"Call the parson in as a witness," suggested the young lady.—Detroit Free Press.

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A STORY OF DAN RICE.

The Great Clown Did Not Forget the Tent Man's Advice.

One story of Dan Rice, the veteran circus clown, illustrates his strict sense of honesty and gratitude for favors. Once he was stranded in Cincinnati, the story goes, and was unable to start a show on the road because he had no tent and could not raise money to buy one. The tent Rice needed would be worth \$2,500. The manager of a tent concern sent for the clown one morning and, taking him to his factory, showed a big tent that was just finished. Rice looked at it with hungry eyes. He turned away, with a sigh.

"Fine tent, don't you think?" asked the canvas maker.

Rice looked back at it over his shoulder, with another deep sigh.

"It's yours," said the tent man.

Rice was like a playful kitten in an instant.

"I believe there is a lot of money in you yet," said the canvas man. "You take that tent and start your show, and if you ever get money enough to pay me for it the price is \$2,500."

Within two weeks Rice was on the road with a show and began a successful career. For 15 years he never referred to the tent, although he often met the man who made it. One afternoon he asked the tent man to be his guest at one of his shows, then in Cincinnati. The two sat looking on, and Rice remarked:

"Fine show, don't you think?"

The canvas man declared that it certainly was.

"By the way," added Rice, "here's that \$2,500 I owe you." He took a roll of bills out of his pocket and handed it to the tentmaker, who pocketed it without unrolling it. The old tent man loved to relate this story and always declared that the great men of this country were P. T. Barnum, John Robinson and Dan Rice.—New York Mail and Express.

THE BABY'S LITTLE JOKE.

It Worried the Fat Man, but He Tried to Enjoy It.

It happened in one of the late trains. Everybody was trying to get to sleep, and when the voice of a baby was suddenly lifted up in a robust wail it was not met with expressions of joy. It cried steadily from Spring Garden street to Columbia avenue. Then it accidentally dropped a pasteboard box it had. A very stout and, like his kind, very affable man across the aisle stooped heavily and picked it up.

The child stopped crying as it took it and promptly dropped it again. The man, thinking it an accident, picked it up once more. This time the baby actually smiled, and as he threw it down audibly cooed with delight. The man looked distinctly uncomfortable and became interested in something outside the window. The child looked at the box a moment, then at the man, and, seeing nothing else, resumed his wail, with much added wind. The look of despair resettled on the face of the woman with the headache, and she gave a convulsive shudder as she felt her head beginning to jump.

She gave one awful glance at the baby and then leaned over to the stout man, back of whom she was sitting. "My dear sir," said she, "I have a violent headache, and I am in misery. Won't you please pick up that box again?" And with a highly artificial smile he complied. Out of pure courtesy he became a box lifting automaton, his piles of adipose tissue each stoop came harder. But when he wiped the perspiration from his brow and staggered out of the car at German town he got a grateful smile from the afflicted woman, as well as every other passenger, that he felt paid him.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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